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The proposed claim amendment is not entered because the entry would raise issues under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The added limitation which requires the polymerization to be conducted in the presence of a transition metal complex is followed by a narrow limitation of the said transition metal complex, as a halogenated copper is a transitional metal according to applicant's own definition. See spec. p. 6. Furthermore, the expression "at least zinc oxide" in claim 17 and similar expressions in claims 18 and 19 are vague and indefinite, as the metal oxides are not quantifiable.

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Applicant assert the proposed amendment would obviate the pending prior art rejections. The arguments are rendered moot due to the non-entry of the after-final amendment.

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